

PRESS RELEASE

Drug Take-Back Event Scheduled for Oct. 27

Wylie, Texas, Aug. 15, 2018 – The Wylie Police Department invites the public to take part in a Drug Take-Back Event slated for Oct. 27, 2018, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Public Safety Building, 2000 N. Hwy. 78, Wylie. The service is free and anonymous. Labels do not need to be removed.

Controlled, non-controlled and over-the-counter medications may be collected. For the first time this year, Walgreens is partnering with Wylie PD and will accept syringes and needles. Intravenous solutions will not be accepted.

"Help us prevent pill abuse, theft and accidents by getting expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications out of your home," said Community Relations Officer Nuria Arroyo. "The service is free and anonymous ... no questions asked."

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs according to the recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet.

For more information, click on Community Relations / Crime Prevention at WylieTexas.gov/police or www.nsc.org.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25th in 2015. Financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.